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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RODEIGUEZ MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PEREZ

1. ECUADOREAN PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ THANKING THE LATTER FOR VENEZUELA'S SUPPORT OF ECUADOR IN THE CURRENT WAR OF NERVES OVER THE U.S. TRADE REFORM ACT. RODRIGUEZ SUPPORTS PEREZ' CALL FOR A SPECIAL OAS MEETING TO CONSIDER THE MATTER, AND SAYS IN CLOSING THAT "OUR COUNTRIES SHOULD UNANIMOUSLY REJECT ALL THREATS OF MILITARY INTERVENTION DESIGNED TO FOIL THE ACTION WHICH PRODUCING COUNTRIES TAKE TO DEFEND THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES".

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT OF RODRIGUEZ' LETTER TO PEREZ FOLLOWS: QUOTE EXCELLENCY. I AM PLEASE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE OF 4 JANUARY 1975. I THANK YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT VERY MUCH FOR FULLY ENDORSING THE STAND ECUADOR HAS TAKEN REGARDING THE US TRADE LAW WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY PRESIDENT
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FORD, AND WHICH I WAS GLAD TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS WITH

YOU OVER THE TELEPHONE ON DECEMBER 31ST PRIOR TO THE
STATEMENT BY MY FOREIGN MINISTER. PARAGRAPH. I VERY
MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE CONFIRMING THE VENEZUELAN
GOVERNMENT'S POSITION CONCERNING THE DISCRIMINATORY
TREATMENT (IN THAT LAW) AGAINST VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR,
AS MEMBERS OF OPEC. PARAGRAPH. IN EFFECT, THE US
CONGRESS' DECISION AND PRESIDENT FORD'S APPROVAL OF THAT
LAW INTERRUPTED THE "NEW DIALOGUE" WHICH BROUGHT HOPE
TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. WITH THIS LAW, THE
UNITED STATES HAS IMPOSED A GENERALIZED PREFERENTIAL
TARIFF TREATMENT WHICH, APART FROM COERCIVE PROVISIONS
AGAINST VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR, INCLUDES RESTRICTIVE
AND DISCRIMINATORY PROVISIONS AFFECTING ALL COUNTRIES
WHICH PRODUCE NATURAL RESOURCES (RAW MATERIALS). PARAGRAPH.
THAT IS WHY I SUPPORT THE ACTION SUGGESTED IN YOUR MESSAGE;
TO CALL A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE OAS COUNCIL TO CONDUCT
A FULL AND FRANK DEBATE WITH THE UNWAVERING OBJECTIVE OF
UNITY WITHIN THE OAS, A MEETING IN WHICH OUR COUNTRIES
SHOULD UNANIMOUSLY REJECT ALL THREATS OF MILITARY
INTERVENTION DESIGNED TO STOP THE ACTION WHICH PRODUCING
COUNTRIES TAKE TO DEFEND THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES. END
TEXT.
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